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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Supplemental Examiner's Answer

1. The reply brief dated 28 October 2004 has been received and entered. The examiner has no comments with respect to any of the arguments except for the one new issue brought up which is discussed below.

New Issue

2. The examiner responds to new issue brought up on pages 2-3 of the reply brief with respect to the reference of Thompson (37 CFR 41.43). First the examiner does concur with the conclusion the appellant came to with respect to the second paragraph on page 2 of the reply brief where the examiner's position was not completely understood. With respect to the new issue, the appellant argued that the reference of Thompson is improper due to Thompson disclosing a wedge of 30-40 degrees for figure 4 and it is a well known fact that design lofts of wedges range from 45 to 64 degrees and as such figure 4 cannot be at a design loft and figure 2 discloses a de-lofted wedge orientation. The examiner disagrees with this argument. Even if figure 2 of Thompson discloses a club in a de-lofted state, the angle alpha in figure 4 is still a single designed loft (i.e. a single designed backward slant of the face of a golf club head (Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary) as shown for the orientation of figure 4) with a shaft forming a lean angle with vertical as shown in figure 2 and with a head resting on a sole

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as shown in figures 2-4. The examiner believes the reference of Thompson still reads on the claims even with the new interpretation of what Thompson discloses.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (571) 272-4406. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4415. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

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Via: Gregory Vidovich (Supervisor Primary Examiner in Art Unit 3711)

Date: 14 February 2005

Subject: Supplement Examiner's Answer for case 09/248,515

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

Please approve the Supplement Examiner's Answer in accordance with then new rules of practice before the BPAI for case 09/248,515. The appellant argues a new interpretation of the reference of Thompson (3,961,796) which the examiner believes the new issue needs to be responded to.


Sincerely, Stephen Blau